



@SUFLYER

Follow @SUFlyer on Twitter to catch all the latest campus news



# THE FLYER

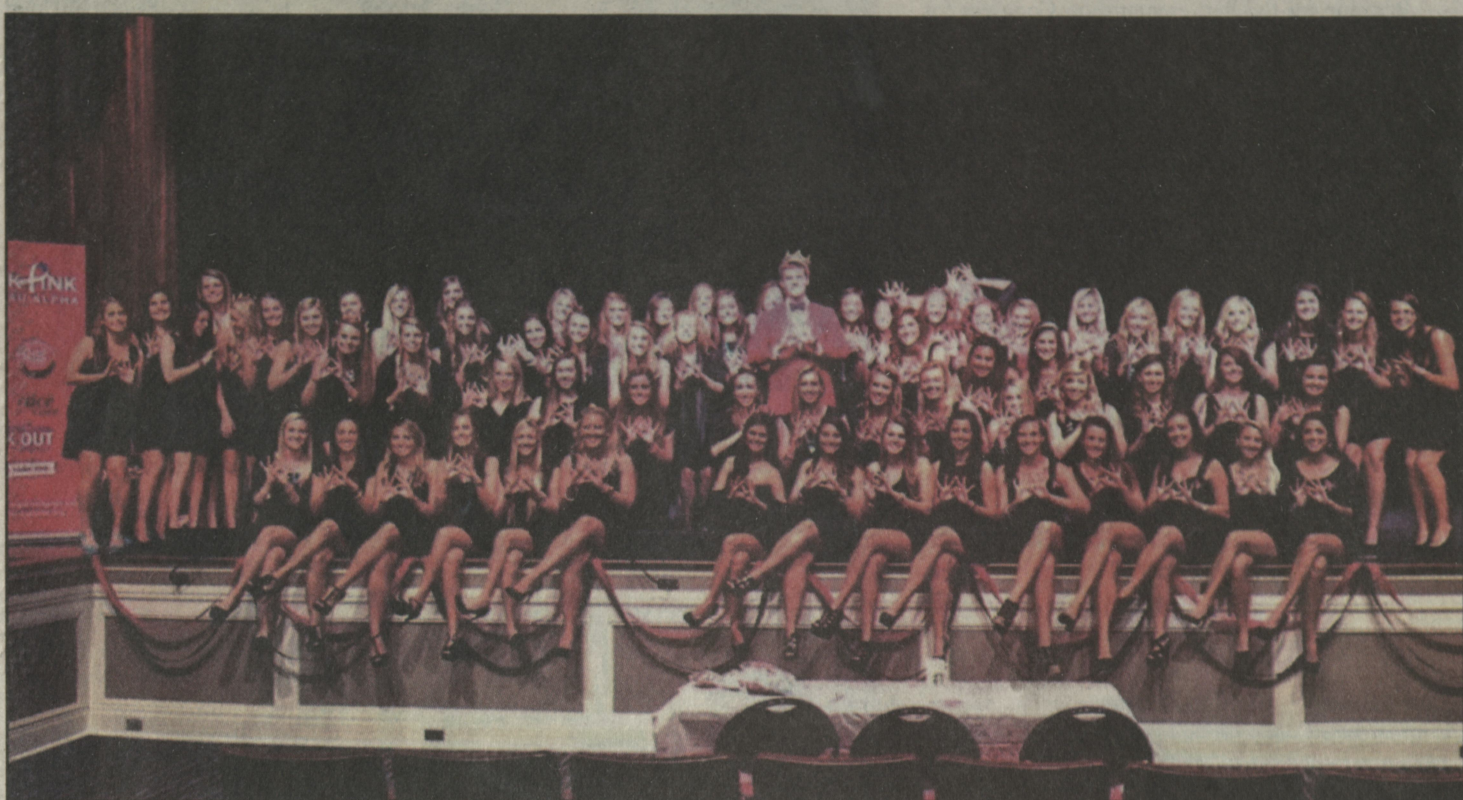
Salisbury University's student voice

VOLUME 45, ISSUE 9

Tuesday October 28, 2014

FREE

## Zeta Tau Alpha continues Breast Cancer awareness in October



Giovenco submitted photo  
Adams was arrested shortly before he graduated from SU in May of 2014.

BY EMILY BAQIR  
Staff Writer

Zeta Tau Alpha has continued to show its dedication to breast cancer research and education.

"Breast cancer education and awareness has been ZTA's philanthropy for years at a national level, and since we are a women's fraternity we want to support the cause that we are so susceptible to," said ZTA president Heather Giovenco.

"Take Charge. Think Pink." is an initiative sponsored by ZTA to promote early detection. Through the initiative, women are able to sign-up for emails reminding them about monthly self-breast exams and yearly mammograms.

"Take Charge. Think Pink." educates women via informational handouts, webinars and partnerships with the NFL, Self Magazine, MLS, Yoplait, Lifetime and Susan G. Komen.

Over the years, ZTA has had numerous events in support of their Think Pink, the most widely known being their annual Mr. Zeta male beauty pageant held every October. This year the theme for Mr. Zeta was "the All-American Man."

Leading up to the pageant, ZTA hosts other breast cancer-focused events in October, being that it is Breast Cancer awareness

month. Last year, they had a Yoplait yogurt-eating contest.

"I feel really impactful knowing that ZTA is known for promoting breast cancer education and awareness on campus."

- ZTA president. Heather Giovenco

This year they planned to have an apple pie-eating contest because, according to Giovenco, apple pie is an American favorite which goes along with their pageant theme.

Participants were to eat as much apple pie as they could in the allotted time in hopes of winning a gift card to a favorite local restaurant. The contest was cancelled, though, twice due to inclement weather.

Although the rain canceled their event, rainy days do not stop ZTA from their dedication. According to Giovenco, ZTA plans to host a faculty awareness night in which the sisters will educate SU faculty about early detection.

All of this philanthropic work does not just benefit breast cancer survivors, but the sisters as well.

"Having a philanthropy to give to helped me to realize that giving back to the community is so important and has helped me grow as a person," said Meghan Donovan, a Greek alum and Greek Life graduate assistant in the Office of Student Activities.

Donovan also said that each Greek organization dedicates their heart and soul to their charity, which benefits the community and those that belong to the organization.

Other student organizations had similar sentiments.

"For Greek Life especially, specific philanthropies become a group passion," said SGA vice president Rachel Doyon. "Aiding (in philanthropy) or serving, specifically, is important in building character and community relations."

Doyon also said having a cause allows student organizations to enhance their mission as a group and to put a cause before themselves.

One in eight women is diagnosed with breast cancer each year. Giovenco said if ZTA can be a part of promoting early detection to help prevent the disease then she knows her soror-

See ZETA on Pg 2

## SU students contemplate whether or not to vote

BY SHANNON WILEY  
News Editor  
@TheShannonWiley

Maryland residents will have the opportunity to vote on Nov. 4 for local and state candidates and while some Salisbury University students are taking advantage of it, many are still choosing to not participate.

"I'm not voting," sophomore Avery Ezell said, "It's just not that important to me."

Some students are not aware that there is an election coming up, but for others the election is very important to them.

"I want to because (voting) is a privilege we have that not a lot of people our age take advantage of and I don't think they realize how lucky we are to be able to have a say in how our state government is run and how important their contribution can be," sophomore Phyllis Blessing said. "Other countries don't have that freedom and privilege."

This year, SU's Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement brought TurboVote to the university, a service that keeps track of local and national elections that are relevant to the user and provides forms and information on how to register, update voter registration and request an absentee ballot.

In the past two months when it was being advertised, 273 students of over 8,000 students signed up for TurboVote. Almost 50 paper copy voter registration packets were handed out, as well.

PACE Interim Managing Director Robby Sheehan is not discouraged by the seemingly small numbers.

"For our first year using the service, that is a very exciting number," Sheehan said.

### Polling places:

If you live on campus: Asbury United Methodist Church, 1401 Camden Ave.

If you live in the Onley Road Area: Deaf Independent Living Association, 806 Snow Hill Rd.

If you live in the Camden area north of campus: Pinehurst Elementary School, 520 S. Pinehurst Ave.

To find your exact polling place, visit: [voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/PollingPlaceSearch](http://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/PollingPlaceSearch)

See VOTE on Pg 2

## Blackboard MyClasses to be replaced, new system chosen by students and faculty

BY SAMUEL STEVENS  
Staff Writer

MyClasses, the online learning management system (LMS) for Salisbury University, is being replaced by a new system, Instructure's Canvas.

The new system was originally looked at, along with other systems, because SU's contract with Blackboard is expiring in June 2015.

Canvas is an open-source virtual education system similar to MyClasses that also integrates third party applications like YouTube and Khan Academy.

The new program is slated for trials in the spring 2015 semester but will take several months to fully implement. Students, faculty, and staff can all sign up to participate in the spring testing.

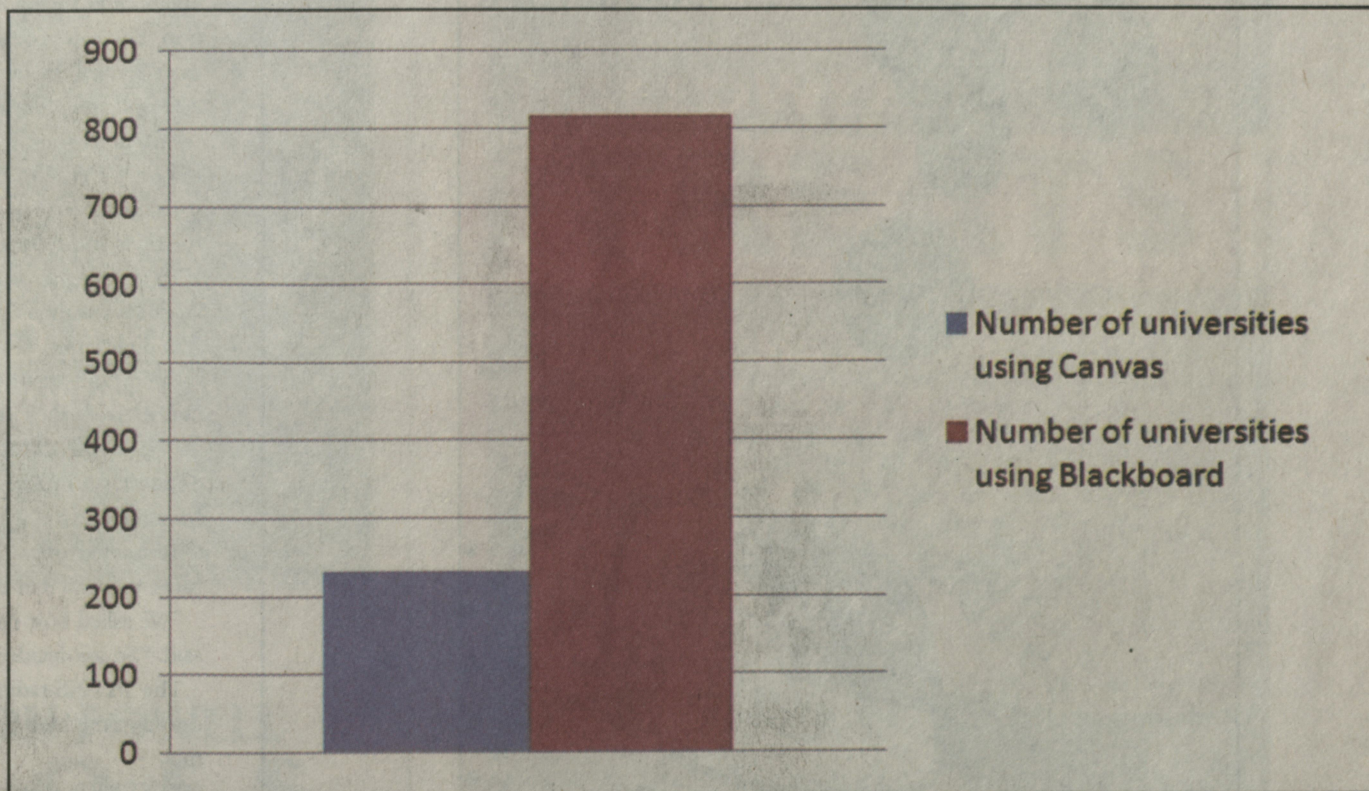
SU students have been fairly content with MyClasses but some feel the faculty have not used it enough.

"Most teachers don't seem to like it," junior Victor Morales said. "Not a lot of teachers use it, but I think it is fine."

"I personally feel that MyClasses works well," freshman Nicholas Butler said. "I honestly have no opinion on a change, I like the system as it is currently."

Canvas promises new features and tools to improve

See MYCLASSES on Pg 2



Rachel Taylor graphic

The chart shows how many universities with 2000 or more full-time students that use the older Blackboard versus the newer Canvas, launched in 2011.

**Small Businesses  
& Student organizations**

**ADVERTISE WITH THE FLYER!**

for details, contact Ashley Chafin - [achafin1@gulls.salisbury.edu](mailto:achafin1@gulls.salisbury.edu)



## VOTE

Continued from PAGE 1

While some students register to vote in Salisbury, many others chose to register in their home towns. "In Maryland, the law allows our voters to determine for themselves where their domicile is and thus where they should register to vote," Wicomico Election Director Anthony Gutierrez said. "So long as they are voting, that's what really matters to us."

Sheehan agreed, saying that it was a "personal choice."

"Some students have a strong affinity for their hometowns and before moving away to college, were very involved in their communities," he said. "I think it is perfectly rational that these students feel that they should participate in their local elections, encourage students to consider where they would like to register to vote, but be sure that they, in fact, do vote and participate in the electoral process."

In order to vote in their hometowns from Salisbury, students must request an absentee ballot.

Students can apply for one online if they have a Maryland driver's license or Motor Vehicle Association issued identification card, complete a form online and return it to their local board of elections via mail, fax or e-mail or fill out the form at their local board of elections.

The request form must have been received, not mailed, by Oct. 28, in order to receive a ballot by mail or fax, but students can still gain one by sending in a request received by Oct. 31 in order to download the ballot from the State's website.

In Wicomico County, voter registration numbers have been steadily increasing over the past few years, with 57,700 registered voters this year.

Gutierrez attributes this increase to overall population growth in the county as well as the past two Presidential campaigns in 2008 and 2012, "with credit going to both political parties as well as either third party initiatives or non-partisan efforts to raise awareness and hopefully turnout."

For this election, running for Governor and Lt. Governor are Anthony Brown (D) with Ken Ulman (D), Larry Hogan (R) with Boyd Rutherford (R), Shawn Quinn (L) with Lorenzo Gastanaga (L) and Charles U. Smith (D) with Clarence Tucker.

Running for Comptroller of Maryland are Peter Franchot (D), William H. Campbell and Anjali Reed Phukan (Md. Service Party).

Up for election for the Attorney General are Brian E. Frosh, Jeffrey N. Pritzker (R) and Leo Wayne Dymowski (L).

Running for the Representative in Congress for Congressional District 01, the district that holds Salisbury, is Bill Tilghman (D) and Andy Harris (R).

In the running for State Senator for Legislative District 38B, which holds Salisbury, is Jim Mathias (D) and Mike McDermott (R).

In Legislative District 38B running for House of Delegates is Norman H. Conway (D) and Carl Anderton, Jr. (R).

Running for Judge of the Circuit Court in Judicial Circuit 1 for Wicomico County are Melvin "M.J." Caldwell, Jr. and Jimmy Sarbanes.

More information and more lists of candidates can be found at: [www.elections.state.md.us/elections/2014/general\\_candidates](http://www.elections.state.md.us/elections/2014/general_candidates).

## TYFNS faces 'growing pains' as the team creates a new brand of radio show



Shannon Wiley photo

During the show, the team also creates a live stream so listeners can view the show online or view it later after the show.

BY CHRISTOPHER KRAUSS

Editorial Editor

@reigningpandas

One of Salisbury University's newest student-run radio program has combined new music, world news and local events to create a unique style of show for the station, but recently they have brought attention to the station with some controversial actions.

The show, called Thank You For Not Snitching (TYFNS), centers around playing mostly hip-hop music, but in between songs, hosts speak about a variety of topics, ask "hopefully" thought-provoking questions and allow for students to answer via call-in and tweets.

"We wanted it to be a one-stop-shop for all of your information," said junior Avery Showell, one of the founders.

The team also wants to garner more attention for the university's events and make people more excited for them.

Recently, TYFNS has started utilizing chalking, leaving critical thinking questions and their twitter handle on different surfaces around campus. The questions they leave chalked around are then later addressed in the next show.

"The questions that we have, they're not meant for us to give you an answer. TYFNS is not an answer, they're the catalyst to get you thinking so you can go and find the answer," senior founder Matthew Jackson said.

TYFNS has run into problems though. Throughout their short existence based off of the show's straightforward approach to the topics they discuss, including their chalking locations and other actions, they have pushed SU's policies to the limit.

"Salisbury has never seen anything like this, and it seems like we're breaking policies and procedures, but it's just that Salisbury has never seen the policies and procedures followed this way," said SU alumnus Jackie Felton.

Two weeks ago, an incident occurred in which the members of the radio show arrived at the studio wearing disposable paint masks, in reference to doctors' masks, and suits for their show centered around Ebola awareness.

The police were called and the members were stopped, due to SU's policy on covering a person's face in a school building.

"We're at war with the general accepted norms of a college student," Jackson said. "We're trying to take the laziness out of the college mind; this is where your mind should be working the most it's ever worked before, where your mind should be as ripe and in tuned as ever. How could Thank You For Not Snitching hurt?"

However, the team is not disheartened by the obstacles they have faced.

"What we are getting from faculty is just us making them uncomfortable and a lot of times it's going to be like that," Jackson said. "It doesn't mean it's bad. It's just growing pains because we've rocked the boat a little bit. So now Salisbury can't just be comfortable with how things used to be because we have students who are now aware of what's really going on, who know how to go about changing it and have avenues and outlets to distribute this information. You can't control social media. You can't control word of mouth. You can't control the news. We're just using everything we can use."

Despite pushing these boundaries, the team insists on not crossing them.

"We don't want it to sound like we're at war with the administration," TYFNS camera man Devin Conway said. "We've had conversations with them, we're working with them, to try and make sure that we follow all the rules and follow the guidelines. We're just trying to make students think."

TYFNS began as a blog created in March 2014 by Delaware State University student Aywanna Smith to feature local musical and graphic artists, DJ's and film directors.

On top of this they also reviews newly released hip-hop albums and sell clothes from their own clothing line.

After garnering enough attention, more writers started writing for the blog. Showell was one of these people and when he went back to school, he brought it to SU.

Trying to think about new ways to energize the blog and bring in new features, Showell met up with Jackson.

"We asked how could we find a way to funnel all of these things?" Jackson said. "So we decided on a radio show."

The TYFNS radio show expanded on the initial aspects that were introduced in the blog by adding more conversational talk show elements into the mix.

"TYFNS is a swiss army knife," Jackson said.

These segments moved past featuring emerging talent and reviews and added sparked conversations on topics that hosts and students come up with.

"We wanted to make it just as entertaining to listen to it as it is to look at your iPhone," Showell said.

TYFNS airs on WXSU 96.3 on Tuesday and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. Their show can also be watched on their uStream channel "#ThankYouForNotSnitchingRadio" and on their website [www.thankyoufornotnitching.com](http://www.thankyoufornotnitching.com).

### Rodney Long Properties



**\*ROOMMATES NEEDED\***  
**NOW LEASING**  
**2, 3 & 4 BEDROOM HOUSES**

CALL LAURA BRITTINGHAM

\*410-548-7629

217 MARYLAND AVE.

SALISBURY, MD 21801

[WWW.RODNEYLONGPROPERTIES.COM](http://WWW.RODNEYLONGPROPERTIES.COM)  
& FIND US ON FACEBOOK!



**ALEX AND ANI**  
**(+) ENERGY**

MADE IN AMERICA WITH LOVE

**VP VERNON POWELL SHOES**

SALISBURY, MD | 410.749.4561

REHOBOTH BEACH, DE | 302.644.7463

POSITIVELY AUTHORIZED RETAILER

### SPECIALIZING IN STUDENT HOUSING

... SINGLE FAMILY HOMES ...  
& TOWNHOUSES AVAILABLE

**ERIC DAVIS**  
**RENTAL PROPERTIES**  
**410.546.5019**

... LOCATED ...

1411-A SOUTH SALISBURY BOULEVARD  
SALISBURY, MARYLAND 21801  
(On the corner of RT 13 & Milford)

[WWW.ERICDAVISONLINE.COM](http://WWW.ERICDAVISONLINE.COM)

PROPERTY MANAGER - MARY ANNE JOHNSON

## Chicken Diablo Flatbread



Chicken Diablo Flatbread w/ lettuce, cucumbers, and a sriracha chipotle spread. Served with a side of chips and fountain soda



**\$7.99**

Available Monday, October 27 - Friday, October 31

## HALLOWEEN TREATS

- Halloween Candy
- Cupcakes
- Candy Corn Parfaits
- Cold Cider

**Friday, October 31**  
5-7 P.M. In The Rotunda

410-543-6105 • [www.salisbury.edu/dining](http://www.salisbury.edu/dining)

## MYCLASSES

Continued from PAGE 1

online learning for teachers and students.

"I think it's a good tool for teachers to post information, but I don't think teachers utilize it to its full potential," freshman Ben Sonnenberg said. "I only ever really use MyClasses for getting articles or PowerPoints, that's all I really use it for. I don't think it needs to be anything more."

Students and faculty tested the five possibilities for new systems. The trials were designed to give teachers and students a voice in what they used to access academic content. LMS producers Instructure (Canvas), Blackboard, Moodle, Desire2Learn and BrainHoney were all proposed to the LMS Review Committee and the SU community through a series of webinars.

The systems were evaluated on layout, communication features and embedded content. A significant factor was the ease of manipulating content files such as assignments, grading and the capability to share work and collaborate.

Testing of the prospective systems took place from May 19 to July 13.

Faculty, staff and students used a 4-point scale to rate each system's functionality with an additional rating for ease of use. Members of the panel included Instructional Design and Delivery adminis-

trators as well as representatives from all SU's academic schools.

According to a University of Texas LMS review information page, Canvas has most of MyClasses' features, but offers more options for customization and social media integration to give students notifications. Bowling Green State University also made the change from MyClasses to Canvas, saving about \$73,000. Over 800 universities now use Instructure Canvas.

The two systems are built to different markets. Canvas is directly marketed towards higher education and K-12, while Blackboard offers its products to business and the government in addition to the education sector. Blackboard also has an extensive, set package of features, while Canvas' features can be customized by the end user.

Further, Canvas operates on an open source system while Blackboard is a closed, proprietary program.

Blackboard has been the major company in the LMS industry since the 1990s, while Instructure is a newer startup, formed in 2008. Canvas was launched in 2011 but Blackboard has been through nine versions since its first version in 1998.

## ZETA

Continued from PAGE 1

ity is doing something right.

Giovenco can't help but be proud of the work her and her sisters do.

"I feel really impactful knowing that ZTA is known for promoting breast cancer education and awareness on campus," said Giovenco. "Our goal is to not just be the 'girls handing out the pink ribbons,' but also for promoting early detection and the importance of this. When I see students rocking our pink ribbon I know we have made a difference in someone's life."

More information about "Take Charge. Think Pink." can be found at [www.takechargethinkpink.com](http://www.takechargethinkpink.com).





## Overheard: What are you dressing up as for Halloween?



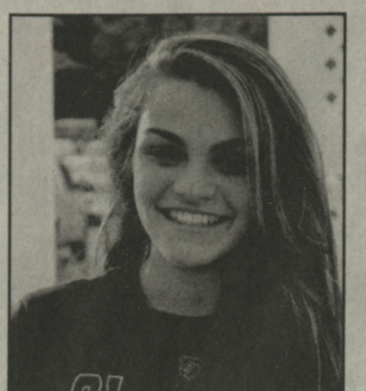
"I'm going as an angel, my friend is going as the devil." – Michelle Lane, junior



"Halloween is my birthday so I'm being the birthday girl." – Siera Monroe, senior



"Catwoman." – Natea Welch, sophomore



"I'm dressing as a zebra one night, Risky Business another night, and a sailor for another night." – Nikki Tarricone, freshman



"A butterfly one night, a sailor another night." – Kaylee Mahon, freshman

## The Flyer

Salisbury University's Student Voice  
Phone: 410-543-6191  
Fax: 410-677-5359  
Text: 646-535-NEWS (6397)  
@SUFLYER  
www.theflyer.com  
Salisbury University  
Salisbury, MD 21801

Jacob Troxell  
Editor-in-Chief  
jtroxell1@gulls.salisbury.edu

Jeremy Cox  
Adviser  
JGCOX@salisbury.edu

Ashley Chafin  
Advertising Manager  
achafin1@gulls.salisbury.edu  
sufflyerads@gmail.com

Sam Brekosky  
Graphic Design  
sbrekosky1@gulls.salisbury.edu

Justin McClure  
Copy Editor  
jmcclure1@gulls.salisbury.edu

Erin Traylor  
Layout Editor  
etr31140@gulls.salisbury.edu

Shannon Wiley  
News Editor  
swiley1@gulls.salisbury.edu

Rachel Taylor  
Gulf Life Editor  
rtaylor4@gulls.salisbury.edu

Christopher Krauss  
Editorial Editor  
ckrauss1@gulls.salisbury.edu

Mitchell Northam  
Sports Editor  
northam67@gmail.com

Darby Dicks  
Photography Editor  
ddicks1@gulls.salisbury.edu

Ashley Van-Veen  
Web Content Editor  
av76846@gulls.salisbury.edu

Photographers  
Brittany Bursa  
Jenna Brown  
Abby Lentz  
Shannon Watts  
Megan Findle  
Emily Outtarac  
Frances Clark

Staff Writers  
Olivia Klock  
Jamie Potter  
Samuel Stevens  
BJ Darden  
Hannah Cohen  
Keyera Williams  
Megan Newcomer  
Andy Poulton  
Megan Mahedy  
Emily Lewis  
Brandon Woodroffe  
Michael Finley  
Daniel Shields  
Emmanuel Atufu  
Becky Miller  
Nick Dimatteo  
Ricky Pollitt  
Diamond Holton  
Madeline Koseley  
Jessica Goodell  
Virginia O'Rourke

Editorial Policy: Letters are welcomed and encouraged. Students, please include your name and your class. Faculty members, please include your department. Letters should be no longer than 400 words. The Flyer reserves the right to refrain from publishing any text. Deadline for submission is Wednesday at 5 p.m. Please email us the letters.

The Flyer is published once weekly, during the regular school year, and is printed by Chesapeake Publishing Company in Easton, Md. A total of 2,000 copies are distributed.

One (1) copy of The Flyer per person is free at newsstands in and around Salisbury University. Additional copies may be purchased for \$.25 each.

The Flyer strives for accuracy and corrects its errors immediately. If you believe The Flyer has printed a factual error, please email us.

## Don't forget to wipe . . .

BY JOHNATHAN AIRES  
Staff Writer

When I walk into the Maggs Activity Center, I enter through the main doors, walk into the weight lifting room, fill up my water bottle, warm-up with a handful of stretches and finally start lifting weights. This is probably the procedure of many gym users, plus or minus a couple steps.

Did you notice I missed an important step? I actually forgot to mention that I wipe down the bacteria infested surface of the equipment before and after each use.

Maggs gym is not a filthy place, but instead it is a prime environment for the circulation of bacteria.

Although this is pretty much common sense, many people seem to refuse to acknowledge and practice the disinfecting of gym equipment.

As a regular user of the Maggs gym for the past three years, I have continually noticed this. I also notice that this is probably due to the lack of disinfectant equipment and even noticeable signs that promote wiping down equipment after using.

This realization encouraged me to interview several people belonging to the SU's community. I

"Maggs gym is not a filthy place, but instead it is a prime environment for the circulation of bacteria."

interviewed 16 people, asking, "How would you rate the Maggs Gym's hygiene from a scale of 1 to 10?" The responses averaged out to be 6.5.

Based on the result, our campus' gym could better enforce the use of the equipment in a more hygienic manner by strategically placing hygiene-promoting signs, adding more disinfectant equipment and preferably replacing the hand towels with paper towels.

When Maggs employees were asked if they think that having more hygiene promoting signs in the gym would make the gym users more inclined to wiping down after themselves, two individuals answered that they believed there are enough signs.

This brings forth the idea that it is not the number of signs that is the problem, but the placement of the signs, in which are currently placed in "bad spots," as fellow student Colleen White put it.

Student, Dede Pessu, stated that he does not disinfect the gym equipment before or after each use because, "it does not come to mind," further supporting that recognition and enforce-

ment of good hygienic practices in the gym needs to be heightened and could be better at encouraging users to wipe down the equipment after themselves. This would be better achieved through placing the signs in areas that are more easily seen, such as the entrance of the gym.

Although many people claimed that they do use the disinfectant every time that they use the equipment, they also insisted that they always see others that don't do the same.

This problem may also be associated with the small amount of disinfecting equipment present in the gym.

While using the gym I have noticed that when I do want to wipe down the equipment I have to walk over to another station that most likely is in use. This takes time out of my workout routine because instead of just grabbing a bottle, I either have to wait until the person is done using the equipment or I have to stop them from their workout, excuse myself for stopping their workout, ask them if I could take the disinfectant bottle, and finally take it to where I am stationed.

This procedure is most likely the reason the gym users that don't disinfect after themselves are so unmotivated to wipe down the equipment.

Out of all the interview questions, the one response that was entirely unanimous was the answer to the question "What do you trust disinfects better, a hand towel or a paper towel?" As if being common sense, the reply was paper towel.

The fact that paper towels are disposable completely crosses out the possibility of spreading germs rather than removing them when wiping down the equipment. Also, how do we really know that those filthy looking hand towels have been washed, and if so how recently? The answer is, we don't know.

When students were asked if they had ever been to a cleaner gym than Maggs, the notable majority confessed that they have. This is a gym that many of us depend on for the fall and spring semester, if not year round. It's supposed to be a place that provides for us the ability to live a healthier lifestyle, not a place that makes us greatly susceptible to bacteria and disease.

So, students make sure you use the provided disinfectants and wipe down the equipment prior to using it. As for Maggs, let's better enforce good hygienic practices in the gym by: strategically placing the hygiene promoting signs, adding more disinfectant equipment and preferably replacing the hand towels with paper towels.

## Dress to represent



BY JAMIE POTTER  
Staff Writer

With the issue of the Redskins' name all over the media it only makes sense that we would discuss it in my Native American history class. Taking a different approach to a history course, rather than going chronologically, we spent a good deal of time talking about what is wrong with the way we have and still do treat Native Americans.

During these discussions about the Redskins, we learned that it is not just the term that is deemed derogatory, but many Natives feel the re-appropriation is worse.

"If you dress as a Native, understand that there were many different tribes and they did not see themselves as one single race."

Supporters, also known as Non-Native Americans, of this argument feel it is a problem when anyone dresses up as another culture that they know little about and try to remake it as their own. It is seen as offensive, ignorant and racist.

With Halloween coming up these discussions have made me wonder; is it offensive to dress up as a Native American?

I've seen plenty of pictures of college parties with the theme "Cowboys vs. Indians" and hadn't thought much of it until now.

And, if doing so is in fact offensive how many other ethnic groups are offended when we dress up?

People love Halloween and associate it with silliness, creativity and fun. If we were to declare no one should dress up as any type of ethnic group people would not listen and believe it is an extreme request.

Still, most people want to be politically correct and inoffensive.

The question is, where is the line drawn? And, when we are on this line, how can we dress up in the right way to avoid offending ethnic groups that can be affected by this?

Dressing as a Mexican, Native American, Geisha or any other ethnic group is a re-appropriation of that group therefore can be seen as insulting.

Although some members of the group may not individually be offended by this, one should

keep in mind the bigger impact. If you have had your costume idea planned and do not wish to change it here are some suggestions.

First, do not over-sexualize. Halloween is an over-sexualized holiday as it is and there is nothing wrong with that, but when you are representing a culture you send an inaccurate and negative message about the people in it.

Second, try dressing as a historical or fictional character of the culture rather than depicting the culture that is still alive today as a whole. If you choose to dress as a Native American in a tiny, skimpy dress, say instead you are dressing as Pocahontas, from the Disney movie. If you want to be the real Pocahontas, maybe take the skiminess a step down.

Try to be aware of the culture you are representing and do not over-generalize. Dressing as a geisha could send a message that all Japanese women are prostitutes.

If you dress as a Native, understand that there were many different tribes and they did not see themselves as one single race.

It would help to gain a little knowledge about the group you are dressing as. It would show that you respect them and you are not attempting to make fun of them. Avoid aspects of the culture that can be seen as truly stereotypical, inaccurate or anything that is a special honor for those within the culture. For example, it would be disrespectful to wear a headdress, which are reserved for warriors who have earned them.

Lastly, try to purchase the articles and accessories you wear from the culture itself. This isn't a suggestion for only Halloween. When I went to New Mexico I made sure to buy turquoise from a Native.

My older sister was a geisha when she was seven for Halloween. As a child, her costume was obviously not very sexual. She wore a long red kimono that had been sent to her by our aunt who is Japanese and living in Japan. Because of this I do not see her costume as having been very offensive.

The bottom line is to have fun with Halloween, but be conscientious when choosing a costume. No one wants a costume-police but your choices impact people.



"Constantine" premiere



BY BJ DARDEN  
Staff Writer

"Constantine" comes in as the third new comic-book-inspired show in the past two months (following "Gotham" and "The Flash"). So standing out will start to be a challenge among these types of shows.

The show is based on the old-school comic "Hellblazer," which follows the anti-hero John Constantine. Far and away the best thing about the pilot was Constantine himself.

Although "Constantine" takes a nice first step and there are certain things that work, there are also certain parts that do not work nearly as well.

With that being said, the show does have a lot of room to grow and has the potential to catch on with viewers.

The show is based on the old-school comic "Hellblazer," which follows the anti-hero John Constantine. Far and away the best thing about the pilot was Constantine himself.

Actor Matt Ryan does a great job of portraying his sarcastic wit on screen while still making himself likeable.

It could have been easy for him to come off as too much of a jerk and make him completely unappealing, which could likely have caused the series to go completely off the rails.

The rest of the cast doesn't work as well. I wouldn't say that there are any bad or unlikable characters, there's just too many people who are thrown at you that aren't given much of a chance to connect with the audience.

Take Constantine's female sidekick for example. She is mostly there to ask the questions that the audience is wondering. For a TV show, it is slightly forgivable as the character is able to be further developed in later episodes.

The special effects are also well done. There's very little in the way of cheesiness. Everything in the show looks good enough that the viewer never has to double take or second guess what they were seeing. For a show with angels, demons and Satan, this can be incredibly important.

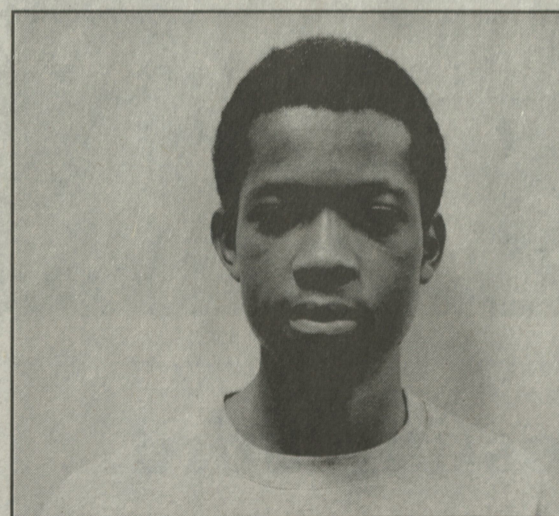
"Constantine" has a lot of room to grow, which means I'll probably tune into the show again and with all of the comic book adaptations out now, that can be a lot to ask.

While I don't think Constantine was able to match "The Flash" in terms of quality, I do think it is a better show than "Gotham," which I've already abandoned ship from.

For fans of the character, or fans of demons and the like, "Constantine" is a show that is at least worth checking out.

The Flyer gives the "Constantine" premiere a 7/10.

## It's okay to bandwagon



BY EMMANUEL ATUFU  
Staff Writer

"I'm a Philadelphia Eagles fan and a New York Giants supporter." This is what I've been telling people who ask me who my favorite football team is. They think I'm insane for liking two teams in the same division, but I think it makes perfect sense, if you don't think about it.

I've been a Giants fan since 2006. The first football game I watched was between them and the Washington Redskins and the Giants won the game. I choose to become a Giants fan that day for three reasons: they won, I liked their jersey and they had a good quarterback, Eli Manning.

Switching to a winning team suddenly because they won a Super Bowl or made the playoffs might make you a bandwagon fan, but I've been rooting for the Eagles for about a year and a half now. I wasn't switching from a bad team to a winner.

The Eagles sucked during the first half of last season. I liked the Eagles because they hired former Oregon Ducks Head Coach Chip Kelly and I really liked the personnel and offensive system they have. So technically, I'm not really "bandwagoning".

Even if I was a bandwagon fan, what's wrong with it anyways?

That is how the fan base for any sports franchise grows. Bandwagon fans should be welcomed not rejected.

Where would the world of sports be if people were too afraid to switch teams because they didn't want to be labeled "bandwagoners"?

Besides, more fans means more revenue for the team. Lately it seems like bandwagoners are only forgiven

if they join a really bad team.

If I had switched from the Giants to the Oakland Raiders, I would not have taken so much heat for my bandwagoning.

Since we are on the topic of heat, let's not forget about the Miami Heat.

I'm sure a lot of previously non-Heat fans "took their talents to South Beach" as the sound of "Not one, Not two, Not three, Not four" championship rings sounded all too good to pass on.

Now that LeBron is going back home to Cleveland, those bandwagon fans are packing their bags and heading to Ohio.

America is a sports nation of bandwagoners.

For many years now Americans have neglected Major League Soccer teams and have instead taken interest in European teams like Barcelona or Real Madrid. Then the 2014 FIFA World Cup came. Most Americans didn't believe the Men's National Soccer team could make it out of Group G, the "Group of Death" that consisted of Portugal, Ghana and Germany.

After the U.S. won against Ghana, suddenly Americans became fans of their home team and chants of "I Believe That We Will Win" roared across the country - proof that the U.S. is a nation of bandwagoners.

You can't talk about bandwagon fans without talking about the Cowboys.

The team has been mediocre at best and has not made the playoffs in the last five years. But tell any Cowboys fan that their team sucks and they'll be quick to bring up the five Super Bowl rings.

I wasn't even born the last time the Cowboys won the Super Bowl in 1995. So for any Cowboys fan my age, there should be no valid reason to bring up the championship rings discussion in any debate.

It's 2014 and the Cowboys are arguably the best team in the NFL right now and a lot of non-Cowboy fans are hopping onto the wagon to Jerry World.

It's October and you know what that means. The World Series is closing in.

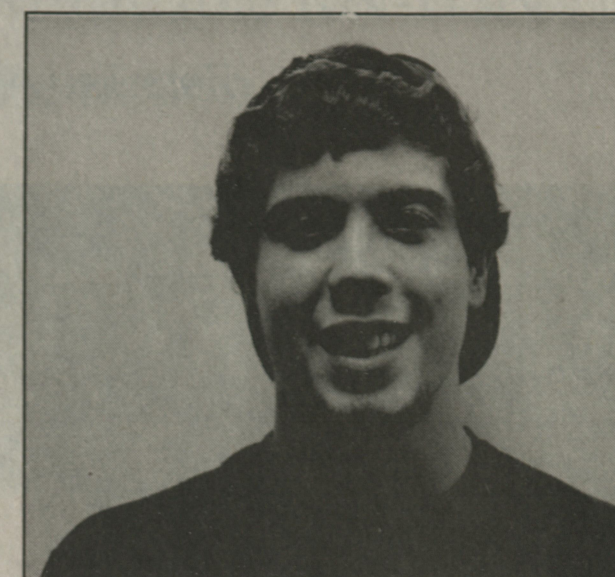
I know a lot of people at SU love the Baltimore Orioles and are bummed out that they couldn't make it to the World Series, but it's still going to be a fun series nonetheless.

A lot of people hate the San Francisco Giants, but at the same time don't want the Kansas City Royals to win, since they beat the Orioles.

Me, I'm rooting for the Royals to win the World Series.

Why? Because it is okay to bandwagon.

## E-Cigs: not as bad as you think



BY KOBI AZOULAY  
Staff Writer

Smoking tobacco is something that has been a part of our society for thousands of years. While the adverse health effects were not well known for a very long time, most people now know that it is harmful for you.

This has caused people to search elsewhere for a healthier alternative. While the jury is still out on whether electronic cigarettes are bad for you, they could help to decrease the use of tobacco products.

A study published in the journal Addiction found that, based on current evidence, using e-cigs instead of tobacco cigarettes could reduce smoker's health risks.

A group of 53 top scientists from around the world have written an open letter to the World Health Organization Director General Margaret Chan warning her not to classify e-cigs as a tobacco product because it could threaten the opportunity to cut down on the risks caused by tobacco itself.

"There's no question that a puff on an e-cigarette is less toxic than a puff on a regular cigarette," says Stanton Glantz, director of the Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education at the University of California, San Francisco.

Reducing tobacco use is extremely valuable to society. It kills hundreds of thousands of people in America every single year and e-cigs could be the technology that we need to cut that number down.

Despite the support surrounding e-cigs in regards to helping people quit smoking real cigarettes, they are not necessarily harm free.

Researchers at the Roswell Park Cancer Institute studied 12 different e-cig brands and found that toxicity levels in them were nine to 450 times lower than in cigarette smoke.

So while e-cigs do contain some harmful chemicals, they contain significantly less than cigarettes. That is why I do not fully understand why Salisbury University has decided to ban e-cigs on campus.

The students that currently smoke cigarettes will just go off campus to the benches on Camden Avenue or elsewhere to get their fix.

The ban negates one reason why people use them in the first place. By forcing students to use their e-cigs on the benches around campus, these students are being exposed to secondhand tobacco smoke.

By being around cigarette smokers all the time, these students could end up slipping into tobacco use themselves.

The ban does not solve the root of the problem, either.

Allowing students to use e-cigs on campus would be a much more viable way of achieving the school's goal of decreasing cigarette use.

That does not mean that the campus is condoning an activity that may have some harmful health effects, it means that they have their priorities set on stopping a much more pressing issue.

Anyone living in one of the dorms has probably seen the poster listing five reasons why smoking e-cigs is bad. This could discourage cigarette smokers from using something that could end up helping them curb their addiction.

Salisbury should take a different and more progressive approach. Instead of advocating for e-cigs being something that is bad for your health, they could advertise how e-cigs could be used to help people with a nicotine addiction.

E-cig stores sell liquid with varying levels of nicotine. Someone with a bad nicotine addiction could begin with liquid that has a high amount of nicotine, and slowly, over time, work their way down to liquid that contains none.

It is also very hard for SU to prevent kids from using e-cigs in their dorm room anyway. They do not set off smoke detectors because there is no smoke, and there are no cameras. There is virtually no way to catch a student using their e-cig without an RA seeing them doing it.

With all of the current research we have on e-cigs and the benefits that they could present to people with nicotine addiction, I believe that SU should reconsider its policy and help its students. Outlawing the problem from campus does nothing but perpetuate nicotine addiction among students.







## Johnson scores game-winner in overtime

BY DIAMOND HOLTON  
Staff Writer

After taking a 4-2 lead into halftime, the No. 1 Salisbury University field hockey team allowed No. 16 Mary Washington to come back and tie the game up to force overtime on Saturday at Sea Gull Stadium.

In overtime, the Sea Gulls put the pressure on and after back-to-back penalty corners. Summer Washburn attacked off the corner and passed to Samantha Johnson who hit a shot past the Eagles' goalkeeper for the game winning goal, giving the Sea Gulls a 6-5 victory.

"I'm honestly surprised it went in," Johnson said. "I had a lot of time I was just lucky that it slipped between the goalie's legs and went in. I wasn't sure it went in at first but everyone started cheering."

The win gives the Sea Gulls (14-1, 5-0 CAC) home-field advantage in the Capital Athletic Conference playoffs next month and will host a CAC semifinal on Wednesday, Nov. 5.

Salisbury started the first half off by quickly building a 3-0 lead with goals from Karen Cindea, Courtney Jantzen and Summer Washburn. The Eagles' Carlee Budd and Kathleen Namey both notched a goal and an assist in an attempt to get back in the game, but Jantzen scored her 19th goal of the season to give the Sea Gulls

a 4-2 lead at the half.

Mary Washington (13-4, 4-1 CAC) responded in the second half tying the game up by scoring two goals that were just a minute apart. Salisbury then broke the tie when Washburn fed a long pass in from the left wing to Johnson who tipped it past the post to regain the lead for the Sea Gulls.

"I'm honestly surprised it went in. I had a lot of time I was just lucky that it slipped between the goalie's legs and went in. I wasn't sure it went in at first but everyone started cheering."

- Samantha Johnson

The Eagles were able to respond again before the final whistle. Jenna Steele scored a goal off a loose ball into the right side of the net to even the score at 5-5. The Sea Gulls sent in freshman goalkeeper Tressie Windsor for the remaining second half and she blocked a last minute shot from the Eagles as the clock expired and the game went to overtime.

During the seven-on-seven overtime pe-

riod, Washburn and Johnson went to work again, as Washburn fed Johnson the game winning goal just three minutes into the period.

Despite the exciting win in overtime and the cheers of the crowd, Sea Gulls head coach Dawn Chamberlin was not pleased with her team's performance.

"What I am feeling is not excitement, but relief. We did not have a good performance today and for us to come out victorious was very special and certainly the hockey gods are with us today," Chamberlin said. "We did not have a fine defensive effort today. We scored some beautiful goals, but we didn't play any defense."

Rachel Clewer, Mallory Elliot, Gloria Godinez, Washburn and Cindea were all honored before the game playing in their final home game as the seniors of the team.

"It's nice to go out on senior day with a win in overtime," Washburn said. "We were all tired but we knew we had to stick it out for a little bit longer. The faster we scored, the faster it would be over."

Among the others to be honored were 12 former student-athletes who were selected to the CAC Silver Anniversary Team.

The Sea Gulls will end the regular season away against St. Mary's College of Maryland on Tuesday at 3 p.m. before coming back home for playoffs.

## The Weekly Dig



Sea Gulls top York; seniors reflect on their careers

BY MEGAN NEWCOMER  
Staff Writer  
@MeganNewcomer1

Add another win to the column for Salisbury's women's volleyball team.

The Sea Gulls took down York College of Pennsylvania by a score of 3-1 on Saturday to put them at an overall record of 18-9. Prior to the game, the Sea Gulls celebrated the seniors on their volleyball team for Senior Night.

Julie Poston, Nikki Binetti and Michelle Meehan were the three seniors honored and although it was not their last game, it was still a game to honor them for all their contributions to the team. Poston has been named to the All-Capital Athletic Conference second-team twice in her career, Meehan earned first-team All-CAC honors last year and Binetti has played an integral part in the Sea Gulls success, coming up with key plays at the middle hitter position.

On a day like this, the question arises; who will replace these seniors?

"Anyone who steps up," Binetti said.

All of these seniors agreed that any of the girls on the team could replace them when they are gone and although finding a fantastic libero to match Meehan's talent would be difficult, she agreed.

"Anyone could replace me," Meehan said.

"They have all been stepping up as (defensive specialists)."

And Poston echoed her fellow senior's comments.

"I believe that anyone could replace me," she said.

With Poston being a left-handed hitter and opposite hitter, a combination that puts the team at an advantage, her expertise will be hard to replace as well. However, she alluded that there are rumors of a left-handed freshman coming to the team next year.

The girls also all agreed on the fact that one of the things they would miss the most after graduating would be the team. These girls maintained were lucky to have a team so bonded and cohesive as they are and anyone would be lucky to be a part of something like that.

"The girls and the team," Poston answered when asked what she will miss the most. "I definitely fell in love with them."

Graduating will not mark the end of their volleyball careers, all of them plan to continue to have volleyball be a part of their lives.

"I'm looking to get into beach volleyball," Binetti said. "Also I hope to be a teacher, so maybe I can coach at the school."

Poston and Meehan both said that they would like to coach as well, but before these three girls start the next part of their careers in the sports, they have two regular season games left against rivals Wesley and Frostburg State on Wednesday and Saturday, respectively. Then it's on to the CAC Tournament, the last one of these three girls' careers.

Megan Newcomer is a freshman at Salisbury University majoring in management, marketing, and getting a BEA with a concentration in drawing. She played volleyball for six years between middle school and high school. She also assisted with coaching the middle school volleyball team for two years.

## Women's Rugby blows out Georgetown, takes division title

BY RICKY POLLITT  
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University women's club rugby team capped off a perfect regular season Saturday with an 83-0 shutout against Georgetown.

The victory gave the club three shutouts on the year, and five total victories as they outscored their opponents 295-34 including games against Towson, UMBC and Catholic. The victory also earned Salisbury the ownership of the Capital Collegiate Geographic Union North Division title.

"It was a fantastic win against Georgetown for our last home game of the semester, making us division champs," junior Kate Todorovich said.

Senior outside center Malie Lockard started the scoring off for the Lady Sharks with a try early in the first period to give them the lead. Georgetown wouldn't respond though, and Salisbury continued to pour it on with scores from several players.

Salisbury dominated from the start with tries scored by Todorovich, Dominique Alessio, Rayne Trouwborst, Amber Rose and Mariah Hackett in just the first half.

Lockard, Alessio, Todorovich, and Trouwborst all led the team with two tries a piece. Lockard has been one of Salisbury's most productive players all season, scoring multiple tries in each of the last four games.

The annihilation of the Hoyas continued in the second half with nine different players scoring for Salisbury. Georgetown's defense was picked apart all day with big hits and strong running from the Lady Sharks.

Salisbury's defense had another strong showing, not allowing Georgetown to get anywhere near the in-goal areas. The defense only let up an average of 6.8 points a game this season.

The victory also gave head coach Brock Brooks another win in his first season at the helm. Brooks played for the Salisbury Sharks men's rugby team before coaching the women's team, and going undefeated in his first season was something that he never imagined.

"They played hard and competitive each game," said Brooks. "They have completely gone beyond my expectations."

After a perfect regular season, Salisbury now qualifies for the Capital Women's Collegiate Rugby Union Playoffs. After a bye week coming up, the undefeated Lady Sharks will play in the Round of 16 on Nov. 8 at Mary Washington University, with games kicking off at noon that Saturday.

Brittany Bursa photos

(Above) SU controlled possession of the ball most of the game in their rout over Georgetown. (Below, left) An SU player breaks through the arms of a Georgetown player.



Megan Finkle photos

(Above) An SU player stiff arms a Georgetown player on the way to a score. (Right) SU prepares to fight for the ball on their way to a dominating 83-0 performance.



## From the nest

A three-game win streak was snapped for the football team on Saturday as they lost on the road, 32-7 to Ithaca. The Sea Gulls are home this Saturday and will take on Alfred University at noon.

- The Sea Gulls' men's basketball team will play an exhibition game against Division I University of Maryland - Eastern Shore in Princess Anne, Maryland on Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m. The Sea Gulls lost in last season's exhibition, 95-55, to the Hawks.

- The swim team combined for 10 first place finishes on Saturday in a loss to Catholic. Sophomore Okan

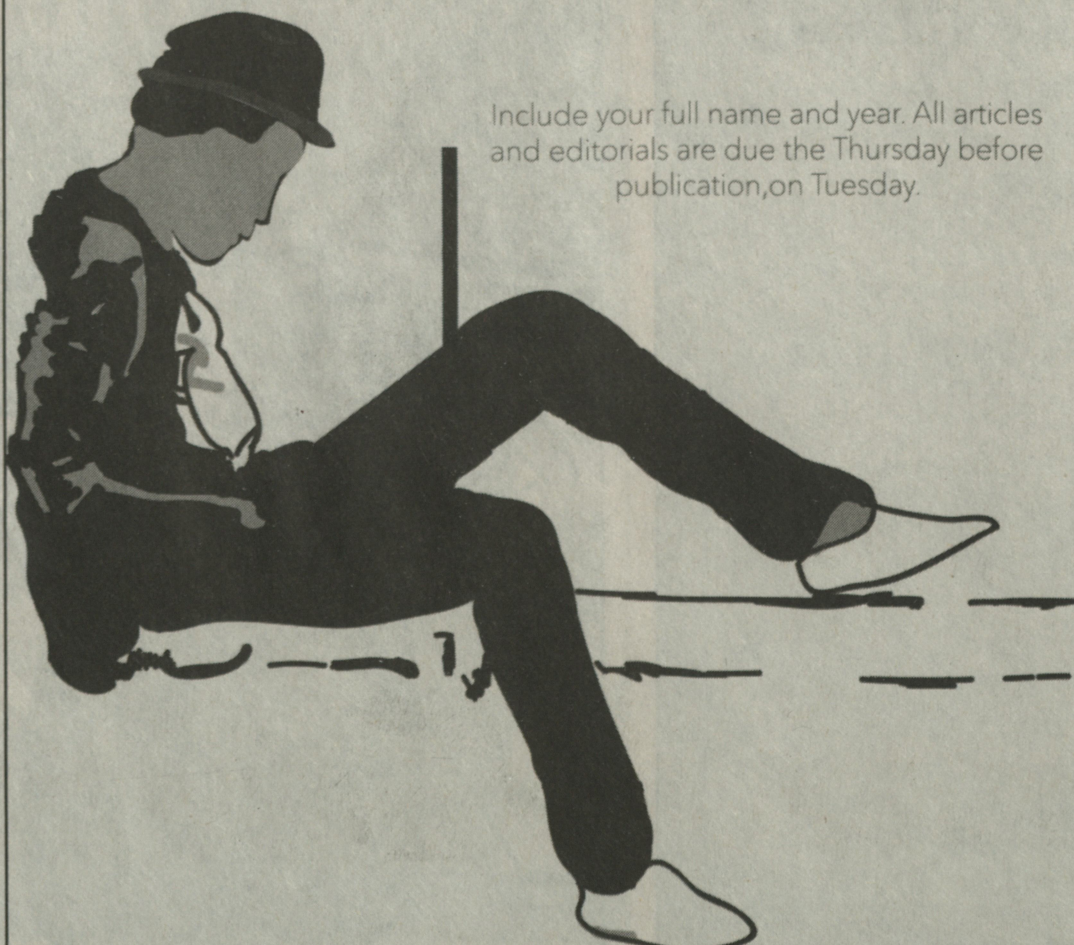
Eyigor was a part of three first-place finishes on the day including the 100-yard backstroke, 200-yard backstroke and the 200-yard freestyle relay.

- The Salisbury Sharks men's club rugby team blew out George Washington University, 114-0 on Saturday.

- Former graduate assistant to Salisbury University's swim team, Jason Mohring, has been named the Assistant Swimming and Diving coach for the men's and women's swim teams at Division I Drexel University.

SEND  
LETTERS  
Story Ideas  
FREELANCE ARTICLES

to:suflyerblog@gmail.com



Include your full name and year. All articles and editorials are due the Thursday before publication, on Tuesday.





• Hibachi • Sushi •  
• Cocktails • Sake •

Lunch and Dinner

**ORDER ONLINE!**

[EASTMOONSTEAKHOUSE.COM](http://EASTMOONSTEAKHOUSE.COM)

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK • DINE IN • CARRY OUT

**GRAND OPENING**



*Ladies' Night* **THURSDAY** *\$3.95 Martinis*  
**SATURDAY**

*Happy Hour* **MON - THURS** *1/2 off Appetizers*  
**4-6 P.M.**

*Football Special* *\$2 shooters 1/2 off Appetizers*  
**SUNDAY** *\$1.25 domestic drafts*

**800 S. SALISBURY BLVD.  
ACROSS FROM GIANT**

**TEL:(410) 677-0317**



WEAR TODAY  
*SELL*  
TOMORROW

